at least one retractable elongate member, said elongate member mounted for movement between a retracted position and an extended position; and

a rotary assembly having first and second rotary bodies spaced to receive ribbon stock therebetween, said elongate member engaging both first and second rotary bodies when in the extended position, said rotary assembly configured for arcuate motion relative to said guide to move said elongate member from a first position toward at least one second position to fold a portion of said ribbon stock.

11. (New) The metallic ribbon stock folding apparatus as recited in claim 10 wherein a retractable elongate member can be sequentially positioned on opposite sides of said guide.

3 12. (New) The metallic ribbon stock folding apparatus as recited in claim ~~10~~ 1 comprising two elongate members.

4 ~~13.~~ (New) The metallic ribbon stock folding apparatus as recited in claim ~~10~~ 1 wherein the at least one retractable elongate member has a substantially trapezoidal cross-section.

5 ~~14.~~ (New) The metallic ribbon stock folding apparatus as recited in claim ~~13~~ 4 wherein the at least one retractable elongate member has a stock engaging edge formed by the intersection of at least two sides of the substantially trapezoidal cross-section.

6 15. (New) The metallic ribbon stock folding apparatus as recited in claim 10 wherein the at least one elongate member contacts ribbon stock for folding ribbon stock in a direction which is substantially transverse to said longitudinal axis.

7 16. (New) The metallic ribbon stock folding apparatus as recited in claim 10 further comprising a supply of metallic ribbon stock.

17. (New) A method of folding metallic ribbon stock comprising the steps of:

transferring ribbon stock through a passage formed by a guide, said passage defining a longitudinal axis;

providing at least one retractable elongate member;

moving said elongate member between a retracted position and an extended position relative to the guide;

providing at least one rotary assembly having first and second rotary bodies spaced to receive ribbon stock therebetween;

engaging both first and second rotary bodies with said elongate member when said elongate member is in the extended position; and.

rotating said rotary assembly in an arcuate motion relative to said guide from a first position toward at least one second position to fold a portion of ribbon stock.

9 18. (New) The method of folding metallic ribbon stock as recited in claim 17, 8 further comprising the step of:

cutting ribbon stock at a predetermined length.

10 19. (New) The method of folding metallic ribbon stock as recited in claim 17, 8 further comprising the step of:

sequentially positioning a retractable elongate member on opposite sides of said longitudinal axis.

11 20. (New) The method of folding metallic ribbon stock as recited in claim 17, 8 further comprising the step of:

contacting the ribbon stock with a stock engaging edge formed on the elongate member and folding said ribbon stock in a direction which is substantially transverse to said longitudinal axis.

21. (New) A system for folding metallic ribbon stock comprising:

a supply of ribbon stock;

a frame;

a guide mounted in said frame, said guide having a passage therein, said passage defining a longitudinal axis;